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Honorable Peter T. King
House of Representatives
118 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman King:

This is in reply to your letter of February 26, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz.

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PETER T. KING

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February 26, 1993

James H. Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

Enclosed are several letters I have received from
constituents who have expressed their opposition to proposals
under PR Docket 92-235.

Please take their views into consideration before making a
final decision. I would appreciate it if you would make their
letters part of the public record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



PETER T. KING
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Peter K. King

29 January 1993

Dear Mr. King

I live on Long Island, and have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in two local clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio

Vincent Musarra
2419 Cedar St.
Seaford, N.Y. 11783
February 1, 1993

Congressman Peter T. King
Cannon House Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20515

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RE: FCC Docket Proposal 92-235

Dear Mr. King

I am writing you to express my opposition to a proposal under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission which, if implemented, would seriously affect the safety of an activity I have enjoyed since my childhood.

Ever since my earliest recollection I have had an intense fascination with aviation in general, and with building and flying radio controlled model aircraft in particular. The model aircraft we fly via radio control aren't toys by any means, which seems to be a popular misconception. They are highly sophisticated miniature replicas of their full scale counterparts and possess, in many instances, higher performance than the originals they are modeled from. These aircraft along with their radio

PHILIP J. NICOLA
3865 Brooklyn Avenue
Seaford, New York 11783

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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Peter T. King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. King:

This letter is in reference to NPRM-PR Docket 92-235, issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

I have been involved in aviation from an early age, first as a pilot in high school and then as a career pilot. I am presently an Air Traffic Control Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration and am a radio-controlled model helicopter enthusiast.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC, as presented in the above-referenced docket. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

The radio control frequencies for model aircraft are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is shared with private land mobile dispatch operations. The frequencies in this band are far enough apart to prevent interference with each other. However, the FCC is considering creating more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. Less than half of the present radio control frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

Modelers such as myself go to great lengths to assure the safety of ourselves and the public. This includes careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

The model aircraft industry is a large and popular one. Many model aircraft have wing spans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. Although these models are operated with safety as the number-one priority, the radio interference cited above could cause the operator to lose control of the aircraft, causing property damage, serious injury, or even death. These models are often flown at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate, and an even greater number of spectators gather to enjoy viewing the activity.

It is not wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. Not only do modelers have a considerable investment in model aircraft and radio equipment, but the hobby also provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself, and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

I ask that the FCC not be allowed to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band, and thus ensure a safe flying environment for all.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip J. Nicola". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Philip J. Nicola

VINCENT POLLIZZOTTO 3331 Yost Boulevard Oceanside N.Y. 11572

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January 31, 1993

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The Honorable Peter King
U.S. House of Representative
Washington, D.C. 20515

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

We often fly our models at AMA sanctioned model airplane events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios,

King

11 Woodgreen Lane
Wantagh, N. Y.
Jan. 27, 1993

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The Honorable Alphonse D'Amato
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I am looking for your help in not implementing the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule making NPRM-PR Docket 92-235. This will split the bandwidths and rearrange them into very narrow bandwidths. If adopted this will increase the risk of accidents.

I am active in two local radio controlled model airplane clubs that operate in Nassau County Cedar Creek Park. I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Moving the frequencies closer together is inviting Murphy's Law.

Please do not implement this rule change. Thank you.

Yours Truly

Pat Savarese

PAT SAVARESE

cc: FCC

U.S. House of Reps.

THE HONORABLE GARY LACKERMAN

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39 Florence Drive
Syosset, N.Y. 11791
Feb. 12, 1993

The Honorable Peter King
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear sir,

I am extremely concerned about the notice of Proposed Rule

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ROGER CANOE HOLLOW ROAD
MILL NECK, NY 11765
TELEPHONE (516) 624-6776

February 9, 1993

The Honorable Peter King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman King:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. Half of my life has been spent building and flying radio controlled model airplanes and I am very active in local clubs whose memberships total in the hundreds.

I (we) am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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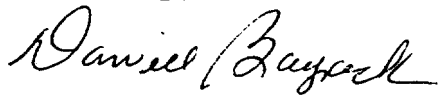
January 30, 1993

The Honorable Rick Lazio

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Bayack".

Daniel Bayack
14 Fairfield Road
Massapequa, New York 11758

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1027 Barrie Avenue
Wantagh, N.Y. 11793
February 10, 1993

The Honorable Peter King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Re: Proposed FCC Rule Making PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. King:

I am a retired engineer who derives many hours of pleasure in building and operating radio controlled (RC) models. I am an active member of two local RC clubs having a membership of two hundred people of all ages.

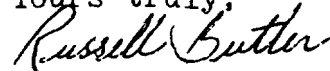
The average RC enthusiast owns and operates an average of four RC systems with an investment of \$400. to \$600. dollars plus hundreds of dollars invested in airplane, boat and car kits, engines and equipment.

If the FCC is allowed to adopt PR Docket 92-235, the RC hobby will virtually be eliminated. Flying models can weigh as much as 40 pounds. Since there could be interference from frequencies dangerously close to RC frequencies, there is a very high risk of losing pilot control of flying models.

Also, RC flying sites at public parks and privately owned facilities would be off limits due to the liability aspects created by FCC adoption of PR Docket 92-235.

Please help defeat 92-235 for the thousands of people who presently are involved in this safe and enjoyable hobby.

Yours truly,



Russell Butler

17 Meadow Lane
Glen Head, N.Y. 11545
February 8, 1993

Honorable Peter J. King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Congressman,

Enclosed please find a copy of my protest of the Federal Communications Commissioner's proposed rule making, NPRM-PR Docket 92-235. Should the Commissioner make this proposed rule the law of the land all radio control hobbyists and everyone connected with the hobby will suffer financial losses. It is estimated by the Radio Control Manufacturers' Association that some five million citizens operate legal hobby radio systems. My point has less to do with legality than safety. Permitting foreign manufacturers to grab our broadcasting frequencies will make safe operations impossible. But the legality matters.

In Nassau County there are two legal model airfields. You must be a member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics to fly at these sites. Your radio equipment must be FCC/AMA legal and faultless, and the "Field Masters" must judge your airplane to be safely constructed. Additionally, your flying privileges depend upon observance of the A.M.A. Safety Code and local field rules. There can be no deviating from this good sense as our flying sites are on public land. The fact that our membership dues buy us each an annual individual liability insurance policy for \$1 million will mean less than nothing if our equipment is suddenly illegal. The county will cut costs and close our fields. Radio Control in your District will be history. I want an investigation conducted at the highest level, as I am positive something cynical, crooked and piratical is under way at the F.C.C.

To get the ball rolling you may wish to have a staffer telephone the Technical Department at Academy of Model Aeronautics Headquarters, at (703) 435-0750. Please have someone do this at once. The Commissioner will rule on February 26 unless some fine lad like yourself can restrain him.

let it all be ceiling and visibility
unlimited for you, truly,

p.s. Count this as 3 letters.
My two boys are also A.M.A.
members.

-djc

Dan Cahill

KENNETH J. CASSER
31 INNESS PLACE
MANHASSET, NEW YORK 11030

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February 12, 1993

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The Honorable Norman Lent
United States House Of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Lent,

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. These rules CANNOT be allowed to be adopted. If so they will greatly affect the radio frequencies that are assigned to radio controlled models of airplanes that I fly and will increase the risks of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band which is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our frequencies are now far enough apart from them that we are able to share that band without interference.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result it will cause interference with the operation of our radio control operations. If this new plan is adopted, only 19 of the present 50 frequencies will be available and will then create congestion and the margin of safety will greatly be reduced.

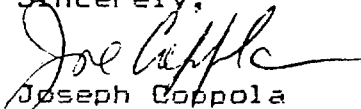
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Please remember that our airplanes are not toys, but serious investments and weigh up to 40 pounds with wing spans up to 10 feet. The models are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing serious injury and property damage if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of his aircraft. We often fly our models at events that have hundreds of participants and hundreds of spectators. We need the full complement of radio frequencies in order to insure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the land mobile radio users at our expense.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,


Joseph Coppola
157 Ocean Ave

Massapequa, New York 11758

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Frank De Sanctis
182 Suffolk Rd.
Island Park, NY 11558

February 8, 1993

Honorable Peter King
U. S. House Of Reps.
Washington, DC 20515

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 to 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

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3850 Oxford Lane
Seaford, New York 11783
February 3, 1993

The Honorable Peter T King
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman King,

I am a retiree and enjoy many hours of enjoyment building and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

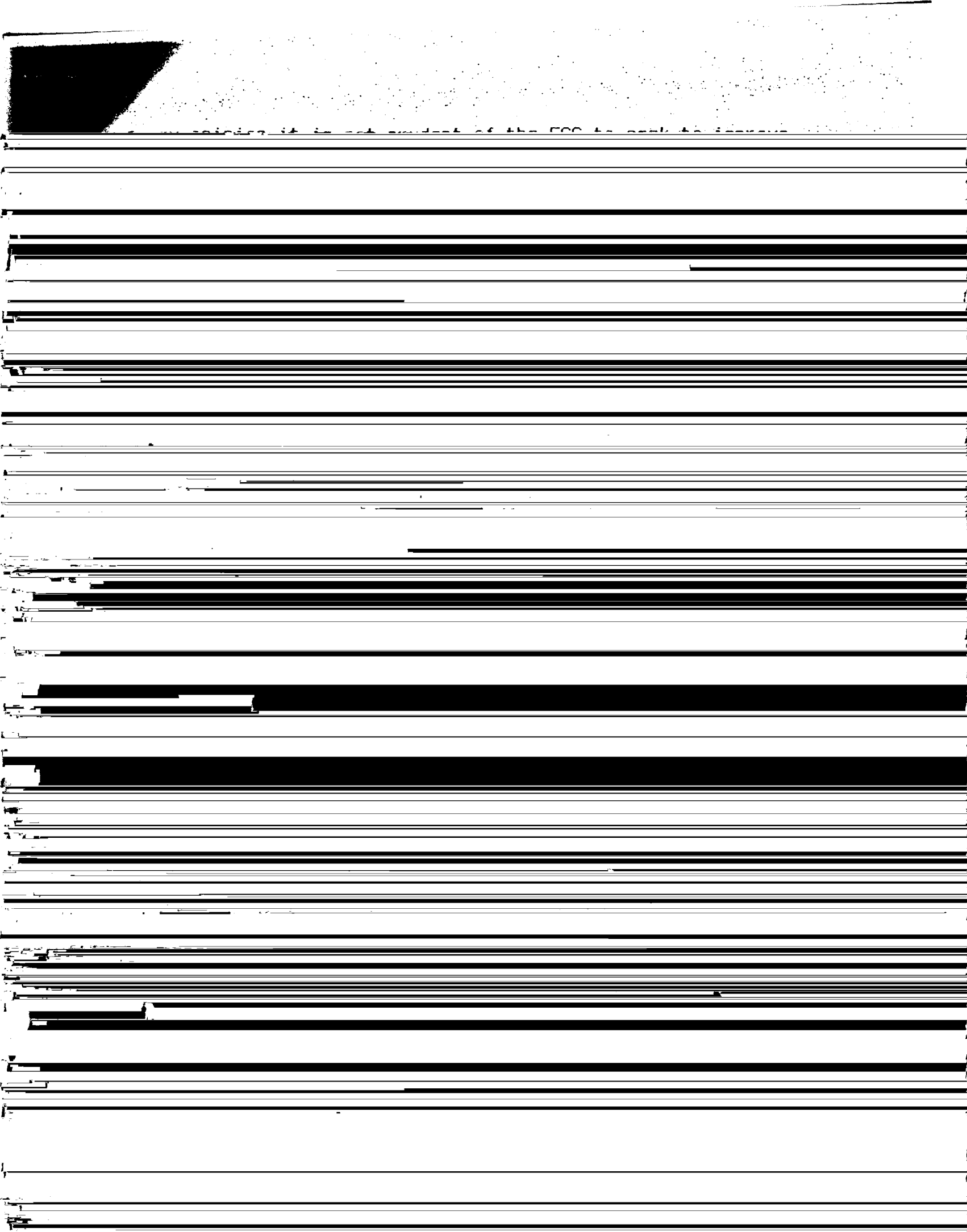
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Please understand that many models have wing spans of up to 10 feet and can weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, the models are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, and even death if radio interference caused the operator to lose control of the model aircraft. We often fly



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GLEN COVE, L. I., NEW YORK 11542
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February 11, 1993

The Honorable Peter T. King
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. King,

The Federal Communications Commission's proposal (PR
Docket 92-235) to further divide radio frequencies
currently shared by builders and flyers of radio
controlled model aircraft with commercial operators of

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February 6, 1993

The Honorable Levy
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Levy:

I have been enjoying construction and flying radio controlled model airplanes for the past 15 years with my son who is 30 years old now. We joined the "Long Island Silent Flyers" 15 years ago. This has been one of our greatest joys. It has kept us together by creating a common interest that has also given my son and I pride and confidence in ourselves. The knowledge my son acquired helped him thru college.

We have just purchased six new radio control sets for my gliders and electric powered airplanes. I spent in excess of \$3000 in the past two years on new radio control equipment. My gliders range between 8' to 12'6" wingspan with flights lasting 30 minutes to one hour.

I understand the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed a new Rule Making (PR DOCKET 92-235). If adopted, the restructuring inserts

The Honorable Norman Lent
United States HOUSE OF REPS.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Lent

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Their radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band which is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, their frequencies are now far enough apart from them that they are able to share that band without interference.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result it will cause interference with the operation of their radio control operations. If this new plan is adopted, only 19 of the present 50 frequencies will be available and will then create congestion and the margin of safety will greatly be reduced.

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Please remember that their airplanes are not toys, but serious investments and weigh up to 40 pounds with wing spans up to 10 feet. The models are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing serious injury and property damage if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of his aircraft. They often fly their models at events that have hundreds of participants and hundreds of spectators. They need the full complement of radio frequencies in order to insure a safe